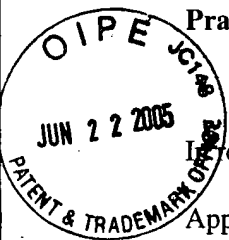


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Practitioner's Docket No. 2229/142

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re application of: Bhat et al.

Application No.: 10/615,538

Group No.: 3682

Filed: July 8, 2003

Examiner: Thomas Hannon

For: Method and Device for Bearing Seal Pressure Relief

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for three months:

Fee: \$1,020.00

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM | | | | + | \$ 0.00 | = \$ | 0.00 |
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No additional fee for claims is required.

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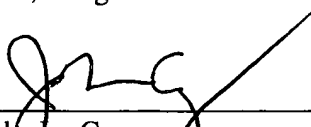
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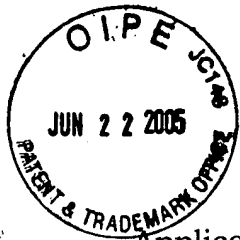
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RESPONSE A

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In response to the Office Action mailed on December 29, 2004,

Applicants respond as follows:

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